

The Chittur Sub-Inspector.

490. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(a) when the vacancy of the Chittur Sub-Inspector occurred recently, was there any application from an Ezhuva undergraduate for the said post;

(b) to whom was this post given;

(c) what is the general educational qualifications of the person appointed;

(d) what is his present age;

(e) what is the general educational qualifications of the Ezhuva applicant;

(f) had he acted as Sub-Inspector before;

(g) if so, when did he act in the first instance;

(h) what was the rank of his rival candidate in the service at that time;

(i) at the time the vacancy happened, what were the respective permanent pay these two rival candidates were receiving in Government service;

(j) is there a Government circular that, when rival candidates apply for posts, members of the unrepresented classes should be given preference to others;

(k) was this rule applied by the Head of the Department in the question of this candidate;

(l) if the answer is in the negative, why was it not done so?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) There was an application from an Ezhuva after the vacancy was filled up, and that was only from a School Final.

(b) and (c). First grade Head constable (now acting Sub-Inspector) Vytheswara Ayyar; studied up to the Matriculation class, passed the Station House Officer's Test and the Pleader-ship examination in first class. (Exempted by the Government from general educational qualifications for appointment as Sub-Inspector.)

(d) Forty-three.

(e) School Final.

(f) Yes.

(g) In 1905.

(h) Head-constable.

(i) Both were drawing Rs. 30.

(j) See answer to question No. 458.

(k) The question does not arise, as the appointment was made by promotion from the department itself and before a rival applicant from outside appeared on the scene.

(l) The question does not arise.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—No.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I am asked to refer to the answer to question No. 458. That is no answer to my question.

President.—Is that circular apart from the Proceedings?

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Yes; a circular which will affect all the departments.

President.—Is any of the circulars independent of the Diwan's Proceedings?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There is only the Proceedings.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—May I know what that Proceedings is?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It has been printed in yesterday's answer.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was not the applicant available at the time this appointment was made?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Available? What do you mean by that word?

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was he not expecting the appointment?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—He might have been.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was there not a vacancy?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—This was not a vacancy. A Sub-Inspector went on six months' leave, and our object was not to bring in a new man from outside, because he will have to be sent back again, after this six months' vacancy is over. He has to be trained, when there is a permanent vacancy. In six months no training can be done.

President.—Where is this training done?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—We can send him to Vellore or some other place.

President.—He may have a chance when another vacancy occurs.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I shall not promise anything to anybody.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was not the man acting as a Sub-Inspector?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—He was sent away by Mr. Brown; he was condemned by Mr. Brown as unfit.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are there any records to show that?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I do not think that I shall be justified in saying anything in this House unsupported by records.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—My supplementary question is whether it is supported by any records, and whether there is any record now?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—It is, and there is one.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Does the Hon'ble Member mean to say that 6 months' vacancy is no vacancy at all?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—It is no vacancy to bring in a new man.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Does the Hon'ble Member mean to say that it is no vacancy at all?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—It is no vacancy for a fresh appointment. That is the meaning.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was not the same candidate given an appointment in the same department since the present Commissioner came?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—He did, and a grave mistake he committed, which he hopes not to commit in future.

President.—Then the man has no chance?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—He has not. Other Ezhuvass who have better qualifications shall be tried.

The appointment of a full time Archaeologist.

491. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

1. the date on which the Government were convinced that the services of a full-time officer was necessary for Archaeological Research;
2. will the Government be pleased to place on the table the facts and the reasons for this conviction;
3. will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the D. P., dated 26th October 1924, C. No. 5684/1097, regarding Archaeological Researches in the State, as well as the letter from the Archaeologist, dated 7th Makaram 1102;
4. will the Government be pleased to inform whence the proposal to appoint a full-time officer emanated;
5. will the Government be pleased to place on the table the first record containing such proposal;
6. will the Government be pleased to inform the qualifications possessed by Mr. Paliath Anujan Achen that makes him specially fitted for the work as Archaeologist;
7. will the Government be pleased to further inform why Mr. Achen is put on probation when in Gazette of the 12th February 1927, Part I, page 174, they have stated that he is specially fitted for the work;
8. will the Government be pleased to inform whether they have not laid down the statement that no new appointment will be created pending the Special Finance Committee's Report;
9. will the Government be pleased to state whether the proposal to appoint such an officer was referred to the Standing Finance Committee of this House for examination, and, if so,